

IRON CLAD BUILDING  
92 Main Street  
Cooperstown, Otsego Township  
Otsego County, New York

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Street Address: 92 Main Street, Cooperstown, Otsego Township,  
Otsego County, New York

Present Owner: Mrs. Alva Davis (Paul Clark Estate), Cooperstown, New York

Brief Statement of Significance: This building, erected in 1862, has an interesting front facade faced with iron.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: George L. Bowne; Jarvis; Hubbard Brazee; Harry Withey; Mrs. Alva Davis; Mr. Harold Smith; Paul Clark Estate
2. Date of erection: 1862
3. Original plans, construction, etc.: Cost of the building with the lot was about \$13,000
4. Notes on alterations and additions: Exterior has been painted and bronzed several times
5. Important old views and references: Local History File in the New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, New York.  
Photographs: 2 exterior views  
1 interior photograph of the drug store in the building when owned by Jarvis

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This double, three-story building is constructed of brick, with the front facade faced with iron.
2. Condition of fabric: Good

B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Foundations: Stone
2. Wall construction: Brick, with the front facade faced with iron. On the front entrance to the second and third floors, to the right of the doorway, is the following inscription:  
"James Bogardus, originator and constructors of iron buildings,  
200 Canal St."

3. Windows and shutters: Second floor windows arched. Flanking the windows of the second and third floors are Ionic fluted columns.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Double, three story business block
2. Flooring: The floor of the Hall on the top floor is double.
3. Lighting: Electricity
4. Heating: Central

D. Site:

1. General setting: Village street; building is on the north side of street.
2. Orientation: Building faces south

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